

Claim 14, line 1, replace "any one of the preceding claims" with —Claim 1—. ✓
Claim 16, line 1, replace "Claims 13 or 14" with —Claim 13—. ✓
Claim 17, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 13 to 15" with —Claim 15—. ✓
Claim 18, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 13 to 16" with —Claim 15—. ✓
Claim 20, line 1, delete "or Claim 18". ✓
Claim 22, line 1, delete "or Claim 20". ✓
Claim 23, line 1, replace "Claims 17 to 21" with —Claim 19—. ✓
Claim 24, line 1, replace "any one of the preceding claims" with —Claim 1—. ✓
Claim 26, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 19 to 24" with —Claim 19—. ✓
Claim 27, line 1, replace "any one of the preceding claims" with —Claim 1—. ✓
Please cancel claims 29–32. ✓

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 7–9, 11–14, 16–18, 20, 22–24, and 26–27. Claims 1–28 are presented for examination.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Brian H. Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at (612) 336-4755.

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